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(No Late Fee for Disclosure or Petition Required)

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure, applicants submit the following information which may be material to the examination of this application.

Attached to this paper is a Form 1449 listing documents relating to the above-identified application. Copies of the documents cited on the Form 1449 are enclosed. It is respectfully requested that these documents be considered and made of record in the above-identified application. It is also respectfully requested that an initialed copy of the attached Form 1449 be returned to applicants.

Basis For No Fee Requirement

The present information disclosure statement is being filed after three (3) months from the filing date of the above-identified patent application, but before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits (i.e., at the time of mailing of the present Information Disclosure statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received by applicants).

In view of the above, applicants believe that the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b) or (c) have been met and that no fees are required for the filing of this paper. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any amount which may be required for filing this paper, to Deposit Account No. 03-2455.

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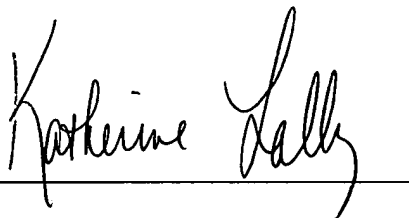
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